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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Donald  
4 Woods, who recently passed away; and

5           WHEREAS, Donald Woods was born March 19, 1950 in Chicago to  
6 the late Elder James Lee and Willie Rosene Woods; Donald and  
7 his twin Ronald were the 9th and 10th of the 17 children born  
8 to this union; his twin, Ronald Woods, lived to the age of 15  
9 months old and preceded him in death; his sister, Clara Smith,  
10 also preceded him in death; and

11           WHEREAS, Donald was born into the Philadelphia Church of  
12 God in Christ where his grandfather was a member; he later  
13 united and became a charter member of the New St. Mary Church  
14 of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Harrison Bolton  
15 and later joined the St James Church of God in Christ under the  
16 leadership of Elder Willie J. Campbell; Donald served  
17 faithfully as a Deacon at St. James and was committed to his  
18 church; and

19           WHEREAS, Donald received his education in the Chicago  
20 Public Schools attending Robert Burns Elementary, Farragut,  
21 and Prosser High Schools; he furthered his education by also  
22 attending and completing classes towards his engineering

1 degree at Wright Junior College; Donald was first and foremost  
2 a dad; three of his nine children preceded him in death, Ronald  
3 Flowers, Donald Flowers, and Ronald Woods; in July 1986, while  
4 working at Hefferan Elementary, Donald became acquainted with  
5 Mr. John Eggleston, a resident of the block and was introduced  
6 to Mr. Eggleston's daughter, Joyce; Donald married the love of  
7 his life, Joyce Ann Woods on July 22, 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, Donald worked in various capacities for the  
9 Chicago Board of Education, ranging from custodian to his last  
10 position of Chief Engineer for Bouchet Academy; this includes  
11 his tenure at the following schools: Charles E. Hughes, Mason  
12 CPC, Helen M. Hefferan, DuSable HS, Leif Erickson Academy,  
13 Oscar Mayer, Sumner Academy, Nathan Goldblatt, and Bouchet  
14 Academy; and

15 WHEREAS, Donald served as an Alcohol and Addiction  
16 Counselor for Lutheran Family Services for 21 years; he was a  
17 member of Alcoholics Anonymous for the past 22 1/2 years; his  
18 affiliations include the following clubs and organizations:  
19 Wanderers 37, Evans Avenue, West Section Club, Real Folks, AA  
20 in Search of Serenity, Farragut HS Alumni Reunion Committee,  
21 and the "HitMen" softball team; and

22 WHEREAS, Donald was a dedicated husband, father,  
23 grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend; he leaves to

1 celebrate his transition, his wife Joyce; his children,  
2 Chrisonia (Robert) Butler, LayShonne (John) Quinn, Tracey  
3 Flowers, Michael Woods, Karmon Robinson, and Shirley Woods; his  
4 godson, Patrick J. Brooks; his grandchildren, Tatiara Flowers,  
5 Jhonne Quinn, Derrick Moore, Jr., Tanya Hubbard, Shakira  
6 Robinson, Mandizaya (Ziggy) Robinson, Diamani Woods, and  
7 Morgan Butler; his father-in-law, John Eggleston; his  
8 siblings, Rosie Evans, Doris (Clifford) Lauderdale, James  
9 Woods, Jr., Susie Norris, Mary (George) Lowery, Ruth Griffith,  
10 Marvin Woods, Beverly Towner, Linda Woods, Rosalyn Woods,  
11 Rosetta Jackson, Michael Woods, Gerald Woods, and Mark Woods;  
12 his four aunts, Sarah Johnson, Dorothy Agers, Audrey Woods, and  
13 Flossie Carruthers; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and  
14 many, many friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Donald  
18 Woods; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Donald Woods as a symbol of our  
21 sympathy.